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## Briefly

Free testing of  
blood pressure

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's CardioPulmonary Rehab Program is offering a free blood pressure screening on Monday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wall-Mart store near Illinois 3 and W. Pontion Road.

Bradley will  
hold reception

Representatives of Bradley University in Peoria will host a reception Saturday, July 11, for area high school students interested in attending Bradley in fall 1993.

The reception will be held from 1:30 p.m. at the Collinsville Holiday Inn, Eastport Plaza. It will include a formal program with information about admissions, financial aid, scholarships and Bradley's residence. Hall of the Future program.

Reservations are necessary. Persons may call 1-800-347-6460 to make a reservation.

## Reunion Aug. 8

The Granite City High School class of 1952 will hold its 40-year class reunion Aug. 8. For details, class members may call Sue Degonia at 876-7331 or Marilyn Harris at 452-9000.

## Craft displays

On the final day of the Fourth of July festival in Wilson Park today, a major craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the ice rink.

## Inside

7 GC players lead  
Men's Open team

Seven players from Granite City, including former high school All-American John Van Buskirk, will play for the Southern Men's Open soccer team in the Prairie State Games beginning Thursday in Champaign.

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## 25 years ago

July 5, 1967

More than 60 Mitchell area residents met and approved the formation of a committee to seek annexation of the Madison County Zoning law and rejection of a new Chouteau Township landfill. The meeting included sweeping criticism of county politics and the possibility of death threats. Chairperson Sally Sager said she would lead the effort even if it cost her to and urged others to take up the cause if she did not complete it.

## CLASSIFIEDS

3 DAYS • 5 LINES

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURDI)

**Where are the brakes?** — Two-year-old Derek Sullivan of Madison seems to be asking how to slow down as he rides the giant slide with his mom, Rhonda, at the Fourth of July carnival in Granite City.

Spending cuts  
aid city budgetBy Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City had \$350,000 more than expected in its General Fund on April 30, the end of the city's fiscal year.

The city began 1991-92 with a \$1,304,734 surplus May 1, 1991, and had \$1,352,879 in the general fund on this May 1. The city adopted a fiscal year 1991-92 budget projecting \$1,854,100 in revenue and expenditures of \$12,250,983, creating the prospect of a \$402,833 imbalance. But budget savings of \$351,028 — mostly attributed to reduced expenditures — lowered the deficit figure to \$51,855.

The City Council's Finance Committee met with department heads last Wednesday and Thursday, and will meet again Tuesday night to begin to hammer out a final 1992-93 budget.

The city will also meet with union leaders Thursday in an attempt to negotiate a revised agreement on city employee insurance benefits that could potentially save the city a half-million dollars.

While revenue came in at \$140,692 less than anticipated last year, the city held the line on expenditures. MacTaggart said, spending \$491,720 less than the budget projection.

MacTaggart attributed most of the savings to fewer salaries and benefits to pay. Retiring employees were for the most part not replaced.

Salaries and benefits were projected at \$3,567,812 for the year, or 62.5 percent of the total budget. But only \$3,250,239 was spent on salaries and benefits, saving

\$317,573.

Of the five city departments with budgets exceeding \$1 million, the street department led the way in holding the line on expenses, spending \$114,470 less than anticipated \$1,983,361. That translates to expenditures 5.76 percent below those anticipated.

The fire department came next, 3.67 percent below budgeted expenditures of \$3,161,860, a saving of \$116,197. The police department was close behind, spending 3.48 percent less than the \$3,011,885 budgeted — a saving of \$104,730.

The financial administration (comptroller's) department spent 2.97 percent less than its budget of \$2,509,895 — \$74,306 in savings, and the inspection department saved \$32,894 — 2.72 percent of its \$1,207,746 budget.

On the revenue side, the city collected \$140,692 less than expected, due mainly to a Build Illinois grant not yet received (\$225,367); late collection of business licenses, due to a revised billing system (\$21,915 less than budgeted); late garbage fee collections (\$23,725 less); and distribution by the state of less income tax and sales tax than anticipated.

Helping to compensate for the revenue shortfall were early distribution of real estate taxes (\$82,429 more than anticipated); better state collection of the local share of use taxes (\$30,858 more); receipt of more home-rule sales tax funds than expected (\$52,621 more); and better use of motor fuel tax funds by the street department (\$28,268 more revenue than budgeted).

## Hearing, vote expected on Deja Vu

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

The issue of allowing topless and bottomless dancing in Madison should finally come to a vote this week.

Madison Alderman George Amisch, chairman of the city's Legislative Committee, said the committee will be prepared to make its recommendation to the City Council on Tuesday.

The committee will hold a public hearing on the issue at 7 p.m. Monday at the Madison Recreation Center. Seventh and Lee

streets. Amisch said that, unless some new issue is raised at the public hearing that would require further investigation, the committee should be able to reach a decision without scheduling any further meetings.

The Deja Vu company has proposed to remodel the Stages nightclub, located on Illinois 203

near the Interstate 55/70 exchange, and turn it into a Deja Vu club, offering live adult entertainment.

Deja Vu has estimated the change would bring in a minimum of \$100,000 a year in new revenue to the city government.

But in order to operate, Deja Vu must first have the City Council amend the city's 1989

obscenity ordinance. Madison Mayor John Bellcote said he will support a necessary amendment and that as liquor commissioner, he will refuse to grant the proposed club a liquor license.

Last month, the City Council referred the proposal to the Legislative Committee.

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Police criticized  
over custody action

A man who claims Granite City police used "their badge and the color of the law" to coerce him into letting his son be taken away has filed a complaint against the police department and the officers involved.

Gary W. Barron of the 2900 block of Forest Avenue alleges that Sgt. David Rosenberg came to his house Wednesday and had Barron turn his 9-year-old son over to the boy's mother, who lives in rural Missouri, despite the fact that the mother had no warrants, court orders or any other documentation and despite the fact that Rosenberg was shown a judgment of legal incompetency from a Missouri court establishing Barron as the boy's father.

Barron said that Rosenberg told him verbal approval for the action had been given by Circuit

Judge Dan Stack to Detective Richard Wirths of the Granite City Police Department. Barron said that at the time he believed a judge had ordered the action, but was later told by Stack that was not the case.

Stack said Thursday he had never issued any official opinion in the matter.

"Cases aren't decided over the phone," he said, adding that what he had taken part in was a discussion of a legal point and not the issuing of any type of judicial, or even legal, opinion.

Granite City Police Chief Don Knight said the complaint has been received and will be investigated and answered.

"Barron said his son's mother had sent him to Barron to spend the summer. Recently, Barron said, he began to believe his son

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Garbage  
concerns  
aldermanBy Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Venice Alderman Silver Franklin says he has some rotten neighbors. Their garbage, he said, has piled up at their back fence since January and it stinks so bad he can't sit out on his patio.

"When other people have these problems, they go to their alderman to have it taken care of," Franklin said at the June 16 City Council meeting. "What I want to know is who do we go to?"

Franklin said he had reported the garbage to Venice Health Inspector Sylvester Silas and that Silas had promised to talk



Franklin Echols

to the people. "I had meetings after several other aldermen expressed their dismay at the way complaints were being handled by Silas," the aldermen voted to have Silas directed to appear at the next council meeting to answer their complaints.

Several of the aldermen also called for Silas to be fired, but Mayor Tyrone Echols, who appoints the health inspector, was not at that meeting.

At the City Council meeting Tuesday, Franklin again complained, and again called for Echols to fire Silas. Franklin also made a motion that the City Council go to his house to smell the stench in his back yard.

Silas said he talked to the (See GARBAGE, Page 10A)

A ticket a day  
Trucker's violations mountingBy Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Larry Dunn's recreational vehicle is no longer a recreational vehicle.

Dunn, of the 2200 block of Bryan Avenue, is an owner/operator who had his tractor-trailer truck licensed as an RV last year in response to a city ordinance prohibiting parking tractor trailers in residential areas.

Dunn was injured in an automobile accident last year. Unable to drive, he changed the vehicle license while it remained idle, allowing him to park the vehicle on his property.

But about three weeks ago, Dunn decided to go back out on the road. Since that time, he has been ticketed by the police department almost daily, including twice Wednesday.

Dunn said the engine in his rig

went out last week, and it will be at least another week before he can finish repairing it. He is doing the work in his driveway.

"If I had my garage, I could have done all this in my garage," Dunn said.

Dunn and his alley neighbor, Alderman Dan Partney, have taken away a feud over a number of issues.

Among them is Dunn's claim that his yard and driveway are flooded every time Partney backwashes his pool filter, and 11 poles that remain in Dunn's yard, the remnants of a garage he was going to build until the city stopped his construction.

Dunn, who is challenging the 63 parking tickets in court, said he will not pay them.

"I've got court dates. It seems like every other day I can't afford to pay all these," Dunn said. (See TICKETS, Page 10A)



Pam Partney in the alley outside her back yard. In the background is Larry Dunn's property with vehicles parked on it.

Motel is  
evacuated  
in arrest

Acting on a tip, Granite City police surrounded and evacuated a motel Thursday to arrest a man they say was "one of the City of St. Louis' 'Top Ten Most Wanted'."

Andrew "Drew" Meshell Jr., 31, of the 3000 block of Walton Road in St. John, Mo., was arrested at 4 p.m. in a room at the Illini Motel, 1100 Niedringhaus Ave.

Meshell was wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, by St. Louis City police for carrying a concealed weapon, and by St. Louis County authorities for aggravated assault and second degree assault.

Detectives obtained information Thursday that Meshell was at the motel. An officer went to the motel office and confirmed that Meshell had checked in.

Police then evacuated adjoining rooms and surrounded the building with eight officers.

A telephone call to the room informed Meshell that he was surrounded and attempted flight was useless.

Meshell surrendered without incident.

He was being held in the Granite City jail Thursday evening pending extradition. Bond on the FBI warrant is \$50,000.

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## NEWS



**TREND Dance** — Seventh and eighth grade students from Coolidge, Gingsby, Holy Family and St. Elizabeth schools were invited to attend the first Turning Recreational Excitement (TREND) activity, a dance held June 27 at the Granite City Township Hall with board games, attendance prizes and refreshments. All community teens who will be in the seventh or eighth grades next school year are invited to become charter members of the Granite City Trend chapter. There are two more activities scheduled for the summer: July 24 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Township Hall and a pool party Aug. 7 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Paddlers Pool.



Admission to Trend events is a 50-cent donation. All donations will be used for future Trend activities. Students should bring one kind of identification verifying their seventh or eighth grade level. In top left photo students enjoy a game of cards. In top right photo Bryan York, left, receives his attendance prize from Kay Rollins, Trend planning committee chairman and Granite City police officer Sick Hunk. In bottom left photo, girls dance in a group. In bottom right photo, deejay Joe Yorke takes a request from a group of girls.

(Photos by ROBERT C. ROBERTS)

## Police log

## Four charges are filed

Johnny R. Jones Jr., 26, of the 2400 block of East 24th Street, was arrested at 9:51 p.m. June 26 and charged with resisting a peace officer, disorderly conduct and two counts of battery. Jones is alleged to have cursed an officer, pushed and resisted when being placed in custody, kicked an officer in the chest and spit on the officer. The alleged incidents took place near the intersection of August Street and Jerden Avenue.

## Domestic charge filed

Lawrence H. Oker, 20, of the 20 block of Madison Avenue in Madison was arrested at 2 a.m. June 29 and charged with domestic battery. A witness told police Oker struck his wife, Stacy, at the 2200 block of Lee Avenue twice in the head and once in the chest. Oker was lodged pending \$102 cash bail.

## Granite City

## 3 charges, 5 warrants

Steven D. Buhlig, 31, of the 2100 block of East 24th Street, was arrested at 2:22 a.m. June 30 and charged with theft of services, battery and resisting a peace officer. He was also served Morgan County warrants charging him with illegal transportation of alcohol, driving too fast for conditions, driving under the influence of alcohol and resisting arrest. Officers dispatched to Buhlig's residence were told by a cab driver that Buhlig refused to pay a \$16 fare. The driver also told police Buhlig kicked him in the left leg.

While being placed in custody, Buhlig allegedly struggled with officers.

He was lodged pending bail of \$306 on the Granite City charges and \$750 on the Morgan County charges.

## Woman struck in face

Edward W. Deane, 28, of the 2100 block of Washington Avenue, was arrested at 1:13 a.m. June 30 and charged with battery. Cheryl Williams told police Deane hit her in the face with his fist.

## Drug charges filed

Two Missouri men were arrested in Venice at 6 p.m. June 22 and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of cannabis.

Douglas Dunbar, 22, of Jackson, Mo., and Michael A. Brasher, 35, of Sikeston, Mo., were arrested after being stopped for speeding. Both were released after posting a \$2,002 cash bail.

## Fisherman saves fawn from drowning

**GOLFREY** — Chuck Ehlers is a hero among animal lovers for saving the life of a drowning baby deer.

Ehlers saw a 2-week-old, rare albino deer sinking in Coffeen Lake near Hillsboro Sunday.

The baby deer was struggling, trying to keep her head above water," he said.

Ehlers jumped out of a boat into 20 feet of water and swam toward the deer.

"Chuck risked his life to save the little fawn," said his friend Derrick Ketchum, who watched the rescue from a boat.

Ehlers, 21, and his friends were fishing when they saw the deer sinking in the water.

"At first, it looked like a jug bobbing in the water," he said.

"Then I saw the ears of the fawn pop out of the water. She was as white as snow from her head to her tail."

Ehlers swam to the deer and grabbed her legs. He fought and kicked, struggled with it for 10 minutes in the water.

He was pulled under twice and swallowed water, but hung onto the deer. "I thought Chuck was going to drown but he didn't give up," Ketchum said.

Ketchum kept an eye on Ehlers and yelled words of encouragement to his friend, who swam toward the boat holding the deer.

"Hang on, you're going to make it," Ketchum shouted.

Ehlers was exhausted when he handed the deer up to his friends in the boat.

"We hauled the little doe to shore," he said. "She was beautiful — as white as a pearl."

They wrapped a blanket around the shivering deer, and Ehlers held it in the back of a pickup truck for the ride to the

Tree House Wildlife Center at Brighton.

Adele Moore, the center's director, was surprised to see the albino deer. "I've never seen one. They're not very common."

The fawn was resting at the animal shelter, Moore said. "We're feeding it a doe milk formula. It's still very frightened."

Moore praised Ehlers for his heroic effort. "He showed enormous courage and compassion to save an animal."

Ehlers said he planned to visit the doe he rescued. "I might name it Snow White," he said.

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## Eticam

Plans for Eticam to move into Granite City continue to meet opposition from some area residents. Watch your Journal and Press-Record for the full story.

## School honors

With the school year ended, local students are being honored for their achievements of the past session. See the Journal and Press-Record for all the news.

## Winfrey video aids state's abused children

Oprah Winfrey may help teachers cope with the daily problems of abused children through a new video produced in conjunction with the state Department of Children and Family Services.

The video, "A Teacher Saved My Life," is narrated by Winfrey, who was abused as a child and now speaks out on behalf of victims of abuse.

The video is geared toward teachers who deal with abused children in the classroom. It will instruct them in their legal obligation to report suspected abuse. Last year there were 107,400 reported cases of child abuse and neglect in the state.

This video will be a powerful instructional tool. Attorney General Roland Burris said, "It will provide educators with a working knowledge of the symptoms of abuse and give them clear guidelines for the roles they are mandated to play by state law."

While the video's central focus is on teachers, the ones who will benefit the most are the children who attend their classes, said Sue Starter, director of Children and Family Services.

The video was funded by the Attorney General's Office and the Children's Task Force of the Department of Children and Family Services. It is available to schools through the Illinois State Bar Association.

From the Alton Telegraph.

## Bush urged to resolve POW issue

John Shimkus, Republican candidate for Illinois' new 20th Congressional District, recently sent a letter to President Bush calling on him to help resolve the POW/MIA issue.

Noting that it has been nearly 20 years since the end of the Vietnam War, Shimkus asked Bush to "lead us to the answers that the families of our POW MIAs have been waiting for."

There are 59 Illinois servicemen listed as POW MIAs from the Vietnam War and more than 15,000 POW MIAs from the Korean War nationwide.

Shimkus also noted that there were 11 Vietnam-era POW MIAs from the central Illinois area: Arthur Bollinger of Greenville, John Causey of Granite City, Dean Clinton of Dix, Willard Collins of Quincy, Randall Dalton of Collinsville, James Dayton of Granite City, Arnold Hill of Taylorville, Michael O'Donnell of Springfield, Gordon Pershio of Quincy, Richard Sands of Springfield, and Joseph Smith of Assumption.

Shimkus declared the POW/MIA issue a top priority and promised to continue to lobby for a full accounting of the whereabouts of these servicemen.

## Indian heritage being celebrated

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is celebrating the spiritual and cultural Native American heritage through its summer programming.

July 11-18 will be American Indian Week at the Shrine. Special activities will include:

"Art displays" and craft demonstrations in the Visitors Center, daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Rev. John Hackett will conduct a workshop, "A Native Christian in the Life of Today," in the Todd-Booke Center, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 12. Registration is required and limited.

American Indian music and dance expressing cultural beliefs and values will be performed at the visitors center daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A pow wow dance will be held at the main outdoor amphitheatre on Saturday, July 18, from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For additional information regarding the American Indian Week celebration and workshop registration, contact Barb Reynolds at 397-6700.

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## Favoritism issue in auditor campaign

Madison County auditor candidate Gary Henderson, a Republican, has accused incumbent Fred Bathon, a Democrat, of playing favorites.

Bathon suggested to County Board members last week that they hire the firm of Arthur Andersen & Co. for a detailed audit of the county's vehicles.

Henderson said records show Paul Wentzen of Arthur Andersen contributed \$25 to Bathon's campaign, and he claims the contribution was made on behalf of the St. Louis firm.

Wentzen is a partner in the auditing division of the company, which holds a contract to audit the county's annual audit.

Wentzen could not be reached for comment.

Bathon said Wentzen made a personal contribution, but Bathon's re-election campaign listed Wentzen's business address in a campaign finance disclosure report.

Bathon said Wentzen is a longtime friend and the contribution had nothing to do with the auditing company or the return of political favors.

"The way it works, is Arthur Andersen & Co. contributes to Bathon's campaign committee, then they do an audit of the county, then Bathon pays them tax dollars out of his office budget," Henderson said.

In a prepared statement, Bathon replied, "The contribution he refers to did not come from Arthur Andersen, but from an individual that I have known about 10 years. It was unsolicited and I was surprised and grateful to receive it."

"I have nothing to hide in either my campaign report or in any aspect of how I run the

auditor's office."

Bathon asked the county's Finance Committee to approve hiring the St. Louis firm at \$7,300 to do an in-depth audit of the county's fleet of 176 vehicles.

Bathon said his office has a complete fixed-asset inventory that specifies the number of vehicles the county owns and to what department they are assigned.

The proposed audit, which was tabled for further discussion, would include a detailed analysis of the cost of buying, maintaining and replacing county vehicles, Bathon said.

"My office would need assistance from an outside audit firm to perform a study of this magnitude," he said.

Henderson charged that Bathon wants to hire the firm to get headlines in newspapers during an election year and to return money that was contributed for his campaign.

"This is why incumbents are going to be thrown out of office this year," Henderson said.

Bathon said, "My opponent is not even remotely aware of the routine duties it takes to run this office. He is making another useless attempt to fabricate an issue."

Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchick sparked the controversy in early June after he asked the county to buy new squad cars for the five additional deputies hired to patrol the freeway.

The move angered several members of the Finance Committee who complained that a number of people in Churchick's department "travels around using cars at the taxpayers' expense."

From the Alton Telegraph

## 1st Braun town meeting to be held in Belleville

Declaring that ordinary people will come first in her campaign for the United States Senate, Carol Mosley Braun would hold a town meeting with Metro East residents from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Belleville Area College Theater, 200 College Road, Belleville.

The Belleville town meeting will be the first in a series of town meetings Braun intends to hold around the state during the course of her campaign. Earl Lakeron, president of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will be the moderator.

"The most important service I can provide to the people of Illinois is to be there to listen to their needs and concerns," said Braun, the Democratic Senate nominee.

"We need to refocus our priorities and start addressing the serious problems facing our

state and our country. For 12 years now, the needs of ordinary people have been ignored. We need to change that by putting people first."

"This town meeting is an opportunity for me to hear firsthand what's on people's minds," said Braun.

"I encourage Metro East residents to come out on July 7 to express their views on our most pressing issues, like jobs and the economy, education, health care, and the environment."

"People need to know that their elected representatives understand what their lives are about."

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**Story time** — Five-year-old Brittany DeGonia of Granite City, left, listens intently to a story at the Granite City District Library on Tuesday morning during story hour. Storyteller Lucy Grondahl and her puppet dog were entertaining children with a tale about a "chicken lick'n dog."

## 30 percent of school districts made cuts

Fiscal Year 92 state budget cuts forced more than 30 percent of local school districts to respond to the survey. It was conducted in March, and the information included the most impact of the mid-fiscal year 92 budget cuts.

State Superintendent of Education Robert Leininger said it was just more of the same old story. "We've been on this financial roller coaster ride forever, but the track has been seriously neglected and we never know when it might finally collapse beneath us," he said.

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pupil-teacher ratios. A total of 365 of the state's 944 school districts—about 39 percent—responded to the survey. It was conducted in March, and the information included the most impact of the mid-fiscal year 92 budget cuts.

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laying off teachers and other staff and generally trying to do more with less every year. Thousands of teachers in this state get pink slips each spring. They're trying to do the most important job in our society—teach our kids—and they have to worry from spring to spring about whether they'll have a job. We wouldn't stand for that in the private sector. Why should we in education, our No. 1 priority?"

Survey results also highlighted a number of other problems for local school districts in fiscal year 92.

percent) reported that they had to reduce or eliminate purchases of textbooks and other instructional materials.

Expenditures on capital items, such as construction, remodeling and repairs, were reduced by 38 percent of districts.

About 4 percent of districts reported reducing or eliminating core programs such as language arts, math and science, and 9 percent said they cut music and other arts programs.

10 percent of districts cut extracurricular activities, including sports/athletics, drama and student governance.

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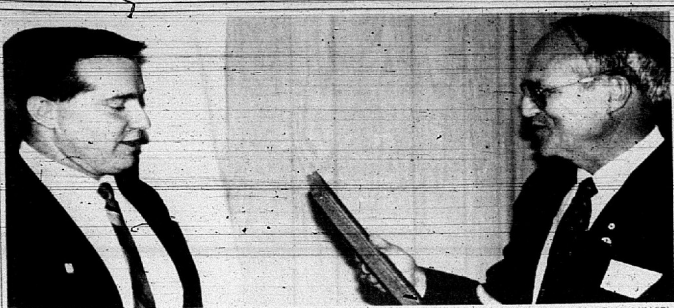
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**Award meeting** — The Tri-City Chapter of the American Red Cross held its annual meeting and volunteer recognition on June 25. Above, William Kono, right, senior vice president of National Red Cross operations, presents an award to Ron Stiefel, chapter manager. In middle photo, award winners Maxine Dumpham, left, and Delores Vogler pose together. Dumpham received an award for her 33 years as a volunteer and Vogler received a service award. At bottom, Brad LaRose accepts a service award from Ron Stiefel. Chartered on July 31, 1917, the chapter celebrated its 75th anniversary.



### Auto show moves to Fairgrounds

The 1992 Secretary of State's Antique Auto and Sports Car Meet will be held Sept. 12 at a new site — the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Secretary of State George H. Ryan has announced. "The Antique Auto Meet is steeped in tradition and continues to feature vehicles that delight exhibitors and spectators," Ryan said. "We are moving our show to the Fairgrounds alongside the WINS/Valco Cruise for Charity to allow auto enthusiasts the opportunity to take part in both events." The top Ford car or truck at this year's meet will receive the special Marquis award, which represents a different automobile manufacturer each year.

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## Early retirement saving state considerably less than expected

The following article is from Copley News Service.

The state of Illinois is saving significantly less than expected from last year's early retirement program, partly because some retirees have stayed on the job — in some cases, making more than they did before.

Officials had hoped to save \$50 million this year from early retirements, but that figure now appears to be closer to \$37 million. Savings fell short of projections because more retirees than expected were in key slots that had to be filled right away.

A total of 46 retired employees were asked to come back temporarily. Among them 16 were in non-professional positions, including five secretaries working with the General Assembly.

In all, the state will spend more than \$470,000 on short-term contracts for early retirees.

The early retirement program was created last year as a way to downsize state government or, at the very least, replace higher-paid workers with lower-paid ones.

Marceia Wham of Springfield, who took early retirement, now makes \$96.46 a day as a secretary for Sen. Ralph Dunn, R-Du Quoin, plus what she collects in pension.

Dunn said he was trying to save the state money by rehiring his secretary to work only on days the Legislature is in session. However, Dunn had no idea how much Wham was being paid.

Although Dunn said he values Wham's expertise, he added that he would have been just as happy with a secretary from a temporary service.

"Nobody suggested using a temporary to me, and I just didn't think of it," Dunn said. "I assume it would've been cheaper."

Some state officials said it makes sense to rehire retired secretaries, even temporarily, in certain cases.

Mark Gordon, spokesman for the Senate Republicans, said they preferred to have early retirees come back to their jobs for a short time, rather than depend on a temporary service, which can be expensive and unpredictable.

"In one case, we are using a

temporary (from a service) and that's only because we had to," Gordon said. "The early retiree refused to come back."

Nevertheless, Gordon admits the one temporary that had to be hired is "very good." It costs the state \$3.53 per hour, or about \$76 a day, to provide a temporary secretary to Sen. William Maharr Jr., R-Orland Park.

Some lawmakers said the biggest problem with hiring back retirees is the mixed message being sent to the public.

Some retirees are making more money under contract than they were earning before retirement, while still collecting their pensions.

For example, John Hoffer, Kamp of Springfield made \$5,417 a month with the Secretary of State's office before he retired. After he retired, Hofferkamp was asked to come back to work for six months at a salary of \$5,500 a month.

Rose Mary Bastien, a district manager for Rep. Bruce Richmond, D-Murphysboro, was earning \$1,900 a month when she retired. She now has a six-month contract to do the same job for \$2,058 a month.

Following an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch recently, Gov. Jim Edgar ordered the Department of Children and Family Services to immediately cancel all its contracts with early retirees.

Edgar indicated to DCF's Director Sue Suter that he was not happy with her conduct, said Mike Lawrence, Edgar's press secretary. "We believe that all the agencies, except DCF's, did comply with the governor's directive."

However, Lawrence did acknowledge that the governor's

office is investigating at least one other agency further.

Originally, more than a dozen state agencies contracted with 51 employees to come back temporarily for about \$550,000, but 10 of those contracts were canceled before they went into effect and several others had their amounts reduced later.

Rep. Mike Curran, D-Springfield, introduced three bills this session proposing more early retirement incentives, but even he doubts the General Assembly will pass them in the little time that remains this session.

Robert Knox, associate executive secretary for the State Employees Retirement System, questions the success of the program, let alone the thought of expanding or continuing it.

"I think this was an idea the state tried out of necessity," Knox said. "I'm not convinced it has been successful, but I know it was expensive. Losing \$200 million in pension assets to a 3,000 people is expensive."

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## Janet Smith named to state hospice board

Janet Smith, director of the Oncology Unit and Hospice of Madison County, has been named to the state hospice board.



Smith has been an SEMC Associate for 13 years. She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Hospice of Madison County has been a member of ISHO since it started 10 years ago. Smith said. At the tenth anniversary celebration, two former Hospice of Madison County board members were recognized for their involvement in founding ISHO.

Hospice of Madison County is a full service hospice offering physical, emotional, social and spiritual support to terminally ill patients and their families.

It is licensed by the State of Illinois and is Medicare/Medicaid certified. It serves communities in Madison County and areas in the surrounding counties of Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery and St. Clair.

As a board member of ISHO, Smith will be involved in setting goals for the organization, formulating policy and developing long range plans.

"Belonging to ISHO is a choice," Smith said. "I believe it is very beneficial and is a great resource for information and support."

The organization supports lobbying efforts and holds workshops and annual meetings, allowing members to meet and exchange ideas.

"There are different types of hospices," Smith said. "Some are free-standing and others are agency-based. By meeting their staff members, you can network and exchange ideas and resources."

Smith also belongs to the Illinois Cancer Pain Initiative, which provides public and professional education on pain management.

She is a member of the national and St. Louis chapters of the Oncology Nurses Society, and the Illinois Council of Nurse Managers.

### We're Sorry!

The front with leak detector advertised for \$250 on page 2 of this week's Journal. The correct size should be 14 oz. for the same sale price of \$250.

The wood slat chair advertised on page 2 for \$215 will not be available due to the manufacturer's inability to ship. Rain checks will be issued.

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Poster winner — John Tusicic, center, is the winner of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Audiology Department's poster contest. With Tusicic are his teacher, Mary-Maria, left, and Cheryl Segal, center, audiology director.

## Smothers releases 2nd recording

St. Louis area Christian songwriter and singer Jim Smothers released his second album, entitled "Only One" on the For the Record label.

His contemporary style is said to enhance each song. He has been writing and performing Christian music for several years. His first album, "In That Day," was released two years ago on the For the Record label.

Smother's shares his music with youth groups, special interest groups and church congregations.

Featured on the new album is percussionist Ken Cates, who

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**ADVENTURE PLAYHOUSE.** young carpenters, with supervision, will design and build the Children's Dream Playhouse from July 6-17 or July 27 through Aug. 7 in Woodland Park in Collinsville. For more information call 346-7529.

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**OUTDOOR LEARNING LAB.** for teenagers July 12-17 and Aug. 2-7 is being sponsored by Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Topics of the sessions include fisheries, forestry, wildlife, field ecology and preservation of natural resources. Sessions are \$190 each. For more information call Jerry Gullen or Curt Carter at (618) 453-1121.

**PIZZA PANORAMA.** a cooking class for kids ages 8-12 will be held at 10 a.m. July 18 at the Turkey Hill Grange, Illinois 15 and Greenmount Road in Belleville. The class is sponsored by the St. Clair County Homemakers Extension Association. Kids will make three kinds of pizza, a dessert pizza and punch. The class is \$10. For more information call 327-8150.

**KIDERCISE.** a movement, musical, motivational and exercise class for kids ages 2-6 with parent participation 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Collinsville Area YMCA, 114 W. Main St. Suite 106. For one-time members \$16 unlimited members \$20 and non-members \$25. Call 346-5600.

**KIDS CORRAL.** a play area including a petting zoo, with barnyard animals and miniature golf, is open at Eckert's Farm in

Belleville. There is an admission charge of \$1 per child, adults get in free. During special events the Kids Corral will include face painting, clowns and other entertainment. Kids Corral is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours will be expanded later in the summer. Eckert's Farm is on Illinois 15 at Greenmount Road east of Belleville. For more information call 253-0513.

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**SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM.** includes story telling, puppet show and videos will be held through July 23 at the Collinsville Memorial Library, 408 W. Main St. The program will consist of weekly hour-long shows for children ages four to 11 at 2:30 p.m. Thursdays. There is no charge for the program.

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# FAMILY

## Births

**Nathan Harris**  
Keith and Tonya Harris of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 2:40 a.m. on June 12, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

The infant has been named Nathan Scott Harris. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.  
Maternal grandparents are Jack and Kim Poch of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Sharon Mosser of Cahokia and Larry Harris of Belleville.

**Raylin James**  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard James of Granite City are parents of a girl born on June 3, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Raylin Rene James. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.  
The mother is the former Lisa Heaton. Maternal grandparents are Marilyn and Albert Heaton of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Bob and Lois James of Granite City.  
**Alison Luehmann**  
John and Michelle Luehmann of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 1:06 p.m. on June 3, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Alison Jean Luehmann. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
The mother is the former Michelle Stevenson. Maternal

grandparents are Tom and Mary Stevenson of Granite City.  
Paternal grandparents are Earl Luehmann of Granite City and the late Joane Luehmann.

**Ronald Yates**  
Brenda Yates of Granite City is the mother of a boy born at 2:48 p.m. on June 5, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Ronald Edward Yates. He weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces.  
Maternal grandparents are Ronald and Julianne Yates of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Marion and Mary Agles of Pekin.  
**Kari Shipley**  
Margaret and Robert Shipley of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 5:02 p.m. on June 3, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Kari Anne Shipley. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce.  
The mother is the former Margaret Schneck. Maternal grandparents are William and Irene Schneck of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Pete and Margaret Fearick of Madison and Bessie Schneck of Mountaintop.  
Paternal grandparents are Robert and Patricia Shipley of Staunton.



Eagles Aerie 1126 and Auxiliary 1126 installing officers and chairmen who participated in the installation ceremony at the Eagles Home, 2600 Madison Avenue, Row one from left, Angie Buehler, installing conductor, Yvonne Gray, installation co-chairman, and Florence Fuzz Hagauer, installing president. Row two, Nick Kostoff, installation chaplain, Cyril Jake Jacobs, installing conductor, Randy Odom, installation co-chairman, and David Cooper, installing president.

## Joint installation held for Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary

Newly elected officers to serve for the 1992-93 year for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1126 and its Auxiliary were installed in formal ceremonies at the Eagles Home, 2600 Madison Ave.

Installation chairmen were Randy Odom for the Aerie and Yvonne Gray for the Auxiliary. Installing presidents were David Cooper and Florence Fuzz Hagauer. The installing conductors were Cyril Jake Jacobs and Angie Buehler.

The new officers were escorted to the altar by the conductors where the pledge of allegiance was recited. The opening prayer was offered by Nick Kostoff.

The new officers elected were: Don Horn, president; John Halbach, vice president; Randy Odom, chaplain; Tom Shipley, secretary; John Aubuchon, treasurer; Bob Stanton, pro tem; Bill Johnson, conductor; Bob Stanton, inside guard; Elmer Jackson, three-year trustee; Gene Reinhardt, pro tem; Bill Johnson, two-year trustee; Chuck Stokes, and one-year trustee; Craig Nevers.

Auxiliary officers installed were: junior past president, Del Delaney; president, Joanna Spencer; 1992-93 president, Barbara Modrusic; chaplain, Ann Pates; conductor, Vera Johnson; secretary, Vincine Zerlan; treasurer, Katharine Kostoff; inside guard, Nina Jackson; outside guard, Bonnie Jacobs; three-year trustee, Flo Stokes; two-year trustee, Kathleen Benda; and one-year trustee, Helen Lipchik.

Cathy Casey, vocalist, accompanied by Michael Jordan, sang "My Cup Runneth Over" for Aerie Jr. Past President.



Eagles Auxiliary 1126 officers newly elected for the coming year 1992-93, were initiated at the Eagles Home in a joint ceremony with the Eagles Aerie. Front row from left, Del Delaney, junior past president; Barbara Modrusic, vice president; Ann Pates, conductor; Vincine Zerlan, secretary; Katie Kostoff, treasurer; and Vera Johnson, chaplain. Row two, Nina Jackson, inside guard; Bonnie Jacobs, outside guard; Flo Stokes, three-year trustee; Kathleen Benda, two-year trustee; Helen Lipchik, one-year trustee; and Joanna Spencer, newly elected Auxiliary president.



Eagles Aerie 1126 newly elected officers for the year 1992-93, were initiated at the Eagles Home in a joint ceremony with the Eagles Auxiliary. Row one from left, Don Horn, past president; John Halbach, new president; Randy Odom, vice president; Tom Shipley, chaplain; Bob Stanton, conductor; and Bill Johnson, pro tem for Bob Sanders, treasurer. Row two, Ken Spencer, pro tem for Randy Odom, vice president; John Aubuchon, secretary; Craig Nevers, one-year trustee; Chuck Stokes, two-year trustee; Bill Haddix, pro tem for Gene Reinhardt, three-year trustee; and Elmer Jackson, inside guard.

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## Church dinner guests treated to music

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 987-0721.

Those attending were the Rev. Charles Schwenger, Lynn Franks, Mrs. McDonald, Patricia Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joyner, Gushoff Sr., Tim Brett, Victor and Margaret Gehling and children, Becky and Andy, and Sara Wilkerson and children, Matthew and Stephen Collinsville, Eugene and Sally, son of Edwardville, Bonnie Smith, Jeanie Beil, and Elizabeth Benner of St. Louis. Music and fellowship and a sing-along was enjoyed.

There was special music by Tom Wilkerson.

The Pontoon Lion and Lioness



Lucille Martin

work very closely with Mission Lions. Mrs. Kathryn Donohue was the 41,900th person to be tested for glaucoma by the testing unit at a health fair at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Since its inception in 1981, more than 3,000 persons have been found with elevated pressure, a primary indication of glaucoma.

These persons have been strongly encouraged to seek further testing by their own care specialist.

The June pot luck dinner for the Pontoon Senior Citizens was

Saturday evening. Games were played and attendance prizes were given to Otto Kreher, Gladys Bass, Edna Ridgeway and Everett Hudson.

Others attending were: Chal-lace Grishy, Janette Gravelle, Lee Anderson, Birdie Tayan, Corrine Kreher, Bob and Jenny Rose Edmondson, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kinsey, Florence Krenich, Irene McGallin, Lucille Martin, Julie Manor, Sylvia Massman, Andy Manor, Thelma Falls, Helen Cholewicki, George and Gladys Bass, Laural Purcell, Ruby J. Hocking, Faye B. Reddy, Irene Weber, Edna Webster, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hudson, Jean Horts-meyer, Ruth Dagon, Leona Bell, Florence Stewart, Lottie Ostreich, and Roy and Ann Bulander.

Next month pot luck dinner will be Saturday night, July 25. It will include a white elephant sale.



**Winners.** — Maryville Science Fair winners were: front row from left, Laura Lengyel, Kenny Lynch, Sarah Portell, Melissa Wesley, Tara Falter and Jennifer Chandler; second row, Emily Falter, Brian Chandler, Megan Harper, Joe Haho and Joseph Million; back row, Richie Ksmer, Robby Grady, Todd Brady, Dustin Wesley, Jessica Dufield, Jason Evenden and Kimberly Kohl.

## St. Mary's committee planning future activities

Kathy Dohmal covers the Madison Avenue scene for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 987-0721.

St. Mary's Activities Committee met on June 11 at the rectory basement. Those present were: President Kathy Dohmal, Secretary Dolores Brancie, Treasurer Goldie Rozyczka and members Alida Yurko, Louise Gunn, Mary Gotzian, Ciel Kowalczyk, Carol Robertson and Janet Werner.

Final plans for the picnic on June 19-20, 21 were discussed. Cullen gave a report on the other activities planned, which include a pancake and sausage breakfast in October, and the Snowman's ball Dec. 2 and the chili supper next March. The next meeting will be July 16.

Glik Bellmore Gang and Retirees met on Thursday, June 25, at Jerry's for a bridal shower.

**Cupp graduates from Kemper**

Cory Cupp, daughter of Sharon Lee of Granite City, graduated from Kemper Girls Academy in Booneville, Mo., on May 23. Cupp has received a College Preparatory Certificate and Most Valuable Choir Member Award during commencement exercises.



Kathy Dohmal

honoring Jennifer Reynolds, daughter-in-law of June Reynolds.

After dinner gifts were presented and cake was served. Attending were Tony Smar, Maxine Kymich, Carla Reynolds, Erica Skabo, Freida Hicks, Nell Talley, Wanda Carmack, Kathy Dohmal, Grace Ford, Ronan, Donna Carie, Gerry Mendez, Lennie Duthie, Sue Williams, Carol Robertson and Matthew Reynolds.

The Glik Retirees met on June

11 for lunch and an afternoon of cards at the Great Escape Restaurant in Alton. Attending were Polly Tutka, Jane Duncan, Neil Talley, Juanita Rosenberg, Mary Baumbarger, Mary Moore, Van Stuart and Sue Williams.

A get together was held on June 9 at Ravanello's for dinner. Attending were Kathy Dohmal, Gerry Mendez, Eva Pulley, Norma Rivior, Carol Kolman of St. Louis and Nona Remington of Hemet, Calif. and guests, Dorothy Newman and Naomi Thomas. All but two guests worked together 30 years ago at the Granite City Trust Bank (Central Bank).

The Old Times Sack group met on June 17 at Jerry's or the Green for dinner. Attending were Gerry Mendez, Pat Lalich, Mary Firtos, Connie Grupias, Kathy Dohmal, Betty Bucatch and Pat Scherrills.

## Madison Middle orientation set

Orientation for new 5th grade students and their parents will be held at the Madison Middle School cafeteria, No. 1 Amedeo Drive, on Friday, Aug. 14, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

All 5th graders and their parents are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Cycle program

Two free motorcycle rider courses will be offered at the Belleville Campus of Belleville Area College, 2500 Carlyle Road, on July 10, 11 and 12 and July 24, 25 and 26.

For registration or information, the number is 1-800-642-9589. The 20-hour weekend sessions are sponsored by the Safety Center, Motorcycle Rider Program of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

The courses are offered from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Participants enrolling in the program must be 16 years of age or older, Illinois residents, and possess a valid driver's license or permit.

## Named to ECU's spring semester dean's list

A Granite City resident is among 1,149 students at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond to be named to the dean's list for spring semester study. Elizabeth Ann Earney is majoring in speech and human services communication.

To achieve dean's list honors at ECU, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

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## Obituaries

### Ruth Mitchell

Ruth (McAnn) Mitchell, 82, of Baltimore, Md., formerly of Granite City, died suddenly Thursday, July 2, 1992, at Emerald Isle, N.C. Mrs. Mitchell was born Nov. 23, 1909, in Farber, Mo., and was a resident of Baltimore for 10 years and had been a resident of Granite City for several years. She was employed for 25 years as a school nurse at Granite City Senior High School. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Daughters of American Revolution, P.E.O., Granite Chapter 650 Order of Eastern Star and Gabriel White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Survivors include her daughter, Ann Ichell Holland of Baltimore, one brother, Jett McAnn of Hardin, Mo., four grandchildren, Mitchell, Matthew and Maricela Holland, all of Baltimore, and Megan Altman of Deer Island, Maine, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd T. Mitchell, and her parents, John and Edna (Gage) Mitchell.

Arrangements are pending at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus, Granite City, 674-4321.

### Vincent Wondra

Vincent Wondra, 81, of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Madison, died Friday, June 26, 1992, at a hospital in Las Vegas.

Mr. Wondra was born May 3, 1911. He had been a 40-year resident of Las Vegas.

He attended Madison elementary schools, graduating from Madison High School in 1929, and attended St. Louis University. He was co-owner of Midwest Roofing in Granite City and was a foreman at American Steel Foundries for many years.

After moving to Las Vegas in the 1960s, he worked in the roofing industry there as a roofer, estimator and later as president of Four Square Roofing and Construction, a family business.

He and his wife had made many return visits to Granite City and Madison during the past 31 years. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou (Painter) Wondra of Las Vegas; two daughters, Sandra Vaccaro of Las Vegas and Terrell

### Alfred Caldwell

Alfred Boyd "A.B." Caldwell, 77, of Brooklyn died at 8:33 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 1992, in the Emergency Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. Mr. Caldwell served as Captain and dispatcher of the Brooklyn Police Department prior to his retirement.

Survivors include Kindra Sykes, Lenora Ford, Alfred Caldwell, Doe Anne Adams, Pearl Imogene Morris, Carolyn Gray, Marilyn Griffin, Cheryl Turner, Angela Caldwell-Cotton, Vanita Caldwell, Barbara Caldwell and Donna Caldwell.

Visitation was held Saturday, July 4, at Officer Funeral Home Chapel, 214 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, and will continue from 4 p.m. until the funeral time today.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, with the Rev. Robert Thomas, pastor, officiating. Burial will be Monday at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Memorial Drive, St. Louis County.

## Time capsule



From the past... — Crowds gather around the grand opening of the old post office that was located where Civic Park is now located.

## Governor gets bill on fuzz busters

Drivers of commercial trucks could be busted for using radar detectors under legislation speeding to Gov. Jim Edgar's desk.

The Senate Wednesday followed House action and approved a bill recommended by a truck safety task force appointed by Secretary of State George Ryan.

"There's absolutely no reason to own a radar detector except to elude police radar and break speeding laws," said Ryan, who lobbied for the bill's passage.

The secretary of state contended large speeding trucks pose a hazard to passenger cars. Detectors could be seized by police and fines of \$30 for a first offense and \$100 for additional offenses imposed under the bill.

The legislation would require interstate truck drivers to disconnect their detector and lock it in a compartment outside the cab while driving through Illinois.

Trucking industry groups were split on the bill. The Illinois Truckers' Association, whose

membership is primarily composed of larger firms that own their own fleets, backed the ban. The Midwest Truckers Association, whose membership is primarily owner-operator truck drivers, worked against the bill.

Some concessions were made in the final bill, including reducing the fine for second offenses. The measure also now says police cannot stop a truck merely to check for a radar detector; there must also be evidence of other violations.

## •Custody

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may have been abused by someone while the boy lived with his mother.

Barron took the boy for counseling and also filed a request for an emergency order of protection in Madison County Circuit Court, asking that the boy be protected from the persons Barron suspected of abusing the boy. Barron did not seek an order of protection against the boy's mother.

The emergency request was denied by Associate Circuit Judge Robert Hennessey, but the case was put on the schedule for a future hearing.

When Rosenberg and the boy's mother came to Barron's house, Barron said he showed Rosenberg the court order of paternity, a birth certificate and handwritten permission from the mother for the boy to stay with Barron until Aug. 22. Barron said he was never presented

with any legal warrants or documents from either Missouri or Illinois and that he was never shown anything on behalf of the mother.

Barron requested that Rosenberg call Wirths, who in turn called an assistant state's attorney. That attorney then discussed the situation, in general but not naming the persons involved, with Stacks and another attorney.

Stacks said Thursday that the discussion only concerned whether or not the case, which was scheduled in Madison County established the county's jurisdiction for the case. Stacks said that during the discussion that it probably did not.

Stacks said he was not ruling on the case, which was not before the court, nor were he and the assistant state's attorney acting in any official capacity other than trying to do a favor for a police officer caught in a bad situation.

Had the situation been present

ed as a father with a legal order establishing paternity with the child in his house, Stacks said, neither he nor the assistant state's attorney would have had any doubt about the proper action and it probably would not have been discussed.

In that case, with neither parent having a legal order, the child stays where it is until a legal order is obtained, Stacks said. "In that case, the police would tell the mother there is nothing they can do until she gets a court order."

But Stacks said the court order of paternity was never mentioned to either him or the assistant state's attorney and instead they were told that the father's paternity was agreed upon, but not legally documented.

Even if the case had been presented, Stacks said his opinion should not have been communicated to Barron as a judge's decision.

## •Garbage

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offending neighbors and they had promised to clean it up.

"He said that, after it was not cleaned up, he sent two registered letters citing them for the garbage, but that the letters had been returned unopened. He said the people hid every time he went to the house and he didn't know what else to do."

Venice City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said that when a person refused a registered letter, that person was "legally presumed to know its contents whether they do or not, and that legal action could be taken."

Franklin said that was fine, but that the garbage was presenting a health hazard and needed to be removed immediately.

He said the city should remove the garbage, and then bill the residents who had been cited for throwing it there.

Echols, after getting a verbal consensus from the other aldermen, told Silas to go and take pictures of the garbage there and at another house in the neighborhood where Silas said the residents had also been cited.

The mayor said he would have

the city remove the garbage.

When Echols opened the floor of the meeting for citizen comments, three residents complained about garbage collecting in neighbors' yards.

Silas said he would talk to them.

Echols told Silas, "Cite them and, if it's not cleaned up in 10 days, take them to court."

Silas again said he would look into it.

"Maybe I should make myself clear," Echols said. "I don't

care if you talk to them. You are going to cite them and, if it's not cleaned up in 10 days, take them to court."

Echols said he was tired of catching flak because of Silas and said he didn't plan to defend him any longer.

Echols asked Silas, "These guys already want to fire you. And if you don't do it, I am going to fire you. Cite them and, if it's not cleaned up in 10 days, take them to court."

## Legislature agrees on budget; lawmakers go home for summer

SPRINGFIELD — It was a dark and stormy night as lawmakers ended their struggle over the state budget and went home for the summer.

In a 74-41 vote, as lightning flashed and winds howled outside the Statehouse dome, the House Thursday night approved a \$28 billion state budget that had been passed by the Senate two days earlier.

In contrast to previous years when the budget was split among dozens of different bills, this was contained in a single massive 700-page bill this time. The budget approval was the final action taken by the House, which adjourned until November at 8:22 p.m. Thursday, about 30 minutes after the Senate wrapped up.

Last year it took the Legislature 19 days into July to pass a budget, with paychecks delayed to some state employees. A marathon overtime session was avoided last year when Gov. Jim Edgar and most legislative leaders struck a deal on Tuesday.

House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, blamed Edgar for mismanagement and the weak economy for declining tax revenues as the reasons for having to cut spending for several state agencies. He said the final budget met his goals of no tax increases and not spending more than was available. He particularly credited House Majority Leader Jim McPike of Alton for

doing a "masterful job" in working out the budget details.

But House Republican Leader Lee Daniels of Elmhurst charged what he dubbed the Madigan-Budget cut too deeply into funding of such social agencies as the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

The budget bickering was almost entirely over the \$3 billion general revenue fund which finances most of the operations of state agencies.

The budget earlier had slashed \$172 million from the general revenue fund budget proposed by Edgar after rejecting a \$227 million statewide tax increase on alcohol, new taxes on tobacco products, and taking away all of the income tax surcharge money, about \$27 million statewide.

The compromise budget plan that Edgar has said he will approve requests about \$20 million of the governor's original spending requests from the general revenue fund. Such major agencies as Children and Family

Services, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Corrections and the State Police will get more money than they received last fiscal year but not as much as Edgar requested.

Education also fared better than most other state-funded services under the final budget. Elementary and high schools received a \$30 million or about a 1 percent increase statewide over the previous year while colleges and universities were given the same amount as last year. However, the universities, such as Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, have also boosted their revenues through hefty tuition increases.

Most other agencies will get cuts as deep as 30 percent, with an estimated 800 to 1,000 state employees, mostly in Springfield field offices, expected to lose their jobs.

House Democrats had earlier declared war on what they called patronage, middle-level management bureaucrats, targeting an estimated 1,800 of them for layoffs. But in the final agreement most of their jobs were spared.

Edgar said the budget was generally acceptable but he may use his line item veto power to make some changes. However, the governor said it will strain the mental health system, prisons and programs for abused children.

—Alton Telegraph

## •Tickets

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"There's no way. They might as well lock me up in jail. At least that way they'll have to feed me and I'll have a place to sleep. And I couldn't ask for better health insurance."

Partney said the tractor-trailer ordinance was passed in response to what he calls a "truck stop" at Dunn's property.

Partney said as many as three rigs at a time have been parked in the vacant lot next to Dunn's mobile home, that he has seen people urinate on the property in broad daylight, and that Dunn works on the vehicles at all hours of the morning.

Partney said there were two backhoes, a pickup truck and a tent on Dunn's property Wednesday morning.

Dunn says the city government and Partney in particular

are out to get him.

He said he has pictures of a tractor truck that was illegally parked for three days directly behind the police station parking lot but never got a ticket.

"You'd think that of the 35 cops who passed by there every day, at least one would have put a ticket on it. But as far as I'm concerned, it didn't get a single ticket."

But Partney denies that the feud is a neighborhood matter. "This isn't a neighborhood feud as some people would have you believe," Partney said. "I wouldn't have any problem with Mr. Dunn if he would obey the law."

"If this was happening anywhere else in my yard, I would fight it. I'm doing what I can to represent the wishes of the people I was elected to represent. I don't think most people want

this kind of thing in their neighborhood."

But Dunn disagrees. "What Mr. Partney has to realize is this is a slum neighborhood," Dunn said. "Things like this happen in a slum neighborhood, and if Mr. Partney doesn't like it, he should move to a different part of town."

Partney responded, "I don't consider this a slum neighborhood. I think most of the people who live here would disagree with Mr. Dunn about that."

"I live here because I want to live here. This area has one of the best groups of people I have ever seen," Partney said.

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## Teens need straight talk about AIDS

(By the American Society of Internal Medicine)  
Jesse McKenna is HIV positive. Jesse, a high school senior in a town called Glenbrook, was infected with the HIV virus during a one-night stand with a girl he met while visiting his sister at college.  
Jesse's sexual partner eventually died of AIDS. The odds are Jesse will, too.  
If Jesse's story sounds familiar, it is because his struggles with the virus is played out every week on national television. Jesse McKenna is the name of a character on the popular family drama, "Life Goes On."

The show's portrayal of an HIV-infected high school student is fictional, but the plot line mirrors a disturbing trend: AIDS cases among teenagers are soaring.

A Congressional panel recently reported that AIDS cases rose 25 percent among teens and young adults in the past two years. There are more than 9,000 reported AIDS cases among 13- to 24-year-olds, and federal health officials say thousands more are probably HIV infected but do not know it. AIDS is now the sixth leading cause of death among persons aged 15 to 24.

AIDS is an equal opportunity killer, says Dr. Eugene S. Ogrod II, MD, president of the American Society of Internal Medicine.

Teenagers are mistaken if they think they are immune. Ogrod, an internist in Sacramento, Calif., says the growing number of AIDS cases among adolescents correlates with a reported rise in sexual activity among teens.

Federal health officials estimate that more than two-thirds of U.S. adolescents will be sexually active before they leave high school.

By age 18, about 45 percent of males and almost half of females have engaged in sexual intercourse. Of that group, many are involved in sexual practices that put them at a higher risk of contracting AIDS.

Of persons who have had sex before the age of 20, fewer than half report condom use. More than 20 percent of high school students have had four or more sexual partners, and one in a quarter of all sexually active teens have engaged in anal intercourse.

Ogrod said abstinence is the best way for teens to avoid HIV infection, but he says it is clear that many young people are and will continue to be sexually active.

With that in mind, he says educational efforts must be redoubled to teach kids the truth about how AIDS is spread and how the risk of contracting AIDS can be minimized.

Ogrod said anyone who is sexually active should take steps to reduce the risk of HIV transmission during sexual contact.

Those steps include: avoiding sexual contact with those at risk of being infected with HIV; avoiding high-risk sexual activities, especially those that involve body fluids or result in the exchange of body fluids; and using condoms properly during all sexual contact from beginning to the end of the activity.

To reduce the risk of spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, many teenagers still think only homosexuals are at risk of contracting AIDS. Ogrod said that myth needs to be punctured.

The fact is that more young people are getting AIDS through heterosexual than homosexual contact, said Ogrod. He also notes that almost as many females as male adolescents have AIDS.

Many parents are no doubt uncomfortable discussing AIDS with their children, but Ogrod said a frank discussion of the issue could be a life saver.

Continuing education is also subject to teach, Ogrod said, but a teenager who doesn't have his or her facts straight about AIDS is at a great risk of even worse: spreading the HIV virus to someone else.

Parents may need more information on the disease to have an informed discussion about the disease.

Ogrod said most local health departments have pamphlets and educational materials concerning AIDS. He said one's personal physician is also a good source for AIDS information.

Heightened sexual activity among teenagers is a sad fact of our times, said Ogrod. But it is sadder still, he said, when a youthful mistake becomes a death sentence, because a young person wasn't told how to prevent what is, in fact, a preventable disease.

Ogrod said it is incumbent upon the older generation to keep the younger generation from spreading AIDS.

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# Sports

Section B  
SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1992  
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## Venice's Jackson has had fulfilling time in baseball

By Art Voellinger  
Correspondent

Unless you belong to the Society of American Baseball Research, you probably paid little attention to the 22nd national SABR convention June 23-30 in St. Louis.

And unless you've belonged to the Society's Negro baseball research committee, as I have, you are probably unaware of the untapped stories related to baseball.

I thought of this recently while speaking with Vernell Jackson, a 61-year-old Venice resident who is in his 30th year of umpiring baseball, softball and basketball.

Jackson has so many stories, a baseball researcher could spend a year with him and still not get enough. In my post-doubleheader chat with him at South Side Park in Belleville, I learned that all I would have to say is "Jackson" and I'd have enough trivia answers to win a SABR competition.

Just say "Jackson" and you've got the answers to:

- Who pitched to such hitters as Joe DiMaggio, Josh Gibson, Jackie Robinson and Gil Hodges?
- Who went to a St. Louis Browns tryout in St. Louis and saw two big-league Garver and Bob Turley signed?

Who was the Negro Major League's Rookie of the Year in 1949 with a 13-3 record, even though he had just finished his senior year at Dunbar High School in Chicago?

(See JACKSON, Page 1B)

## Open Men aiming to repeat PSG title

By Keith Farroll  
Correspondent

The Southern Region men's open soccer squad not only gained a gold medal during last year's Prairie State Games, it also shut out its opponent in every contest.

So with most of the backfield returning this year, coach Dave Paz expects his team to overcome any pressure and bring home the gold for the third year in a row. There are seven Granite City players on the team, including Indiana University's John Van Buskirk.

"People will be gunning for us after we won the last two golds in a row, and last year we were the only team to go undefeated without giving up a goal," said Paz. "We'll be strong defensively again this year."

"I think we will be right up there with the other teams (of the past). The guys we have are pretty quality players."

If the men's open team takes the gold, it will give the program four gold medals — the most of any region in the Open Men's competition since the games began in 1967. This year's competition will be July 10-12 in Champaign.

But the South will be without its usual goalie, Granite



Matt Cook Brent Broshoff



Chris Ryan Scott Harrison

City's Terry Dutko, who elected to proceed with school this summer to work on his master's degree. Paz has handed the goal-keeping job to former Altoona product and Collinsville resident Porter Mark, who will make his debut in the open division after competing for the Southern scholastic team the last two years.

"I'm sure he'll do a good job," Paz said. (See SOCCER, Page 3B)



Former GCHS All-American John Van Buskirk will be one of the key players for the Southern Men's Open team in the Prairie State Games this week in Champaign.

## Holiday deadlines

Due to early deadlines for the Sunday Home Journal, as a result of the Fourth of July holiday, results of Thursday's and Friday's baseball games will not appear today.

The Triplets played in East St. Louis on Thursday and hosted Smithton on Friday. They resume action Wednesday at home against Wood River before traveling to Evansville, Ind. for the five-team Kenny Kent Old National Bank Invitational Tournament next weekend.

A preview of that tournament will appear in Thursday's Press-Record.

The Junior Triplets played in Collinsville on Thursday and were competing in the Ellisville Tournament of Champions over the weekend. The Eagles were competing in the Men-Clair League's Valmeyer Tournament. Both tournaments conclude today.

Results of all the games will appear in Wednesday's Journal.



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## Cubs have tryout camp slated Monday in Sauget

The Chicago Cubs will hold a tryout camp at Sauget Field on Monday beginning at 8 a.m. Players are required to bring their own equipment. Jim Greenwood of Granite City, a regional scout for the Cubs, will run the camp.

## Under 19 soccer tryout set

The Granite City Elks Select Under 19 girls soccer team will have tryouts July 12, 13 and 15. Tryouts will be held at Parkway East Junior High School, Ladue Road and Interstate 270. The July 12 tryouts will be from 10 a.m. to noon, July 13 and 15 tryouts are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call Jerry Lubinski at 314-739-1017.

## Tryouts in Collinsville

The Collinsville 79 Untouchables soccer team will conduct open tryouts for the fall and

spring seasons this month. Eligible players must have been born after Aug. 1, 1973. Tryouts - to be held next to Bridal Original at 1700 St. Louis Road in Collinsville - will be on July 7, July 9 and July 13 at 6:30 p.m. Players are encouraged to participate in as many tryout sessions as possible.

The fall and spring seasons will be from Aug. 1 through July 31, 1993. For more information, call 345-1227.

## QCSA looks to start some adult leagues

Quad City Soccer is trying to start adult leagues beginning in August.

Men's and women's leagues will be the first options. If there aren't enough players for a men's or women's league, the next option is a co-ed league. Teams will be established by a draft system. Captains will be appointed and will draft on a set date.

Entry fees will also be established on draft day. Leagues will play on Monday nights. All leagues will be 25 and older.

For more information, call Tom Cholewick at 931-4691.

## Elks 76-77 tryouts set

The Granite City Elks 76 & 77 girls soccer team will hold tryouts for the 1992-93 season July 6 and July 11.

The tryouts will be at the RAC soccer fields in Granite City at 6 p.m. on July 6 and 10 a.m. on July 11. For more information, call 451-7450 or 451-2966.

## Jackson

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Madison? Who went to the Al Sommers Empire School in Florida with future major league umpires like Charley Williams and Dick Stello, but turned down an offer to work in the minor leagues?

Who was wounded while fighting with the U.S. Marine Corps in North and South Korea and later played with fellow servicemen Ted Williams and Gerry Coleman - each to distinguish themselves in the major leagues?

Who played against Satchel Paige of the Kansas City Monarchs?

Whose Marine Corps Company Commander was college and pro football great quarterback Eddie LeBaron?

Who was signed by the Boston Red Sox in 1963, assigned to a Triple-A contract in Sacramento, and was a teammate of Pumpkin Green, the first black player ever to wear a Red Sox major league uniform?

Who played in 14 of the existing major league parks in the late 1940s, and also pitched during games against the Class B Stags in Belleville?

Who, after attending North Carolina State, played in a summer league against such players as Hank Aaron, Wes Covington, Dick Groat and even football great Charlie "Choo" Choe? Justice?

Who played against St. Louis' Elston Howard of the Monarchs?

Who helped break in Ed Hightower of Alton as a basketballist?

The list could go on, but Jackson has a way of mentioning off-

the-cuff tidbits of which others would brag.

An outstanding high school basketball, baseball and track star, Jackson joined the Memphis Red Sox after his sophomore year and ended his prep baseball eligibility in a deal that had the Memphis team giving a dozen bats and a dozen baseballs to the Dunbar coach.

From a \$5.25-per-month player with Memphis in 1947, right-hander Jackson later earned \$750 per month when he was 11-6 at Sacramento in 1956.

Strong character led Jackson from pro baseball to his Venice home in 1956, where his wife Alice gave birth to their first child. But that did not mean Jackson, who became a 32-year chemical employee, would be away from sports.

A manager and pitcher for the Brooklyn Robins of the Tandy League, Jackson still runs a fall tournament for area men's and collegiate teams in Brooklyn.

"I enjoy what I do," explained Jackson.

What he does is continue to enjoy sports without looking back. Of course, he must have learned that from Satchel Paige.

## Soccer

(Continued from Page 18)

for us," Paz said of Mark, who plays for Northeast Missouri State.

Granite City's Brent Broshaw (BAC) will be the backup keeper.

Although Paz's biggest concern going into the games is the striker position, he shouldn't have to worry too much if Van Buskirk and Joe Reinger (Caseville) provide the offensive spark.

"These guys are our work horses," said Paz. "Definitely, one of these two guys are going to have to be on and put on a show."

Reinger was an All-America candidate last season at SIU Edwardsville while Van Buskirk put in a second solid season at Indiana University.

Meanwhile, the Southern Region will have a new look as it will add 11 new faces to seven players returning from last year's team.

Newcomers on this year's roster include Broshaw, Chris Ryan (Caseville), Tony Ellis (Collinsville) and Chris Ritter (Belleville).

(Collinsville), Jerry Lakin (Granite City), Jason Mathenia (Granite City), Chris Seem (Troy), Scott Harrison (Granite City), Mark Gwynia (Jambaga), Edwardsville and Brian Ramsey (Collinsville).

"Right now, I've got a bunch of guys who I never really have seen play," said Paz. "Hopefully somebody will come up real big for us."

The seven returning players are Brett Walton (Edwardsville), Matt Cook (Granite City), Dave Boyer (Belleville), Reinger (Caseville), Rich Reinger (Caseville), Tony Ellis (Collinsville) and Chris Ritter (Belleville).

Paz expects the biggest challenge to come from the West Central Region. Only Southern and West Central have brought home gold medals in Open Men's competition, but North Shore will also pose a challenge.

There are no Granite City players with the Scholastic Men's team. Previews of the Scholastic Women and Open Women will appear later this week.

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